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# News from the Stars:

OR, AN  
EPHEMERIS,  
For the YEAR, 1696.

WITH  
*Observations upon the Eclipses, Solar  
Ingresses and Configurations of Heaven  
happening therein.*

Being the Bissextile, or Leap-Year.  
And from the Creation of the WORLD,  
according to the best of History, 5645 years.

WHEREIN  
You have an Account of many things about the  
*Heavenly Bodies*, and their Portents in the  
said YEAR.

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*Sine ope Divina nihil valemus.*

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## To the Reader.

**A**lmighty God has been pleased to give Me leave to come amongst you again, and to write of the Year 1696. now at hand; it being the One and fortieth year of my Appearance in this manner.

I have herein made known unto you, how the Celestial Bodies are disposed in the aforesaid Year, and also, what their Significations seem to be, as unto Mundane Concerns, as far as 'tis convenient. But I leave the Event of all unto Almighty God; who doth Great Things past finding out; yea, and Wonders without Number, *Job 9. ver. 10.* For the Lord most High is Terrible, He is a great King over all the Earth, *Psal. 47. ver. 2.* All Nations before him are as nothing, and they are counted to Him less then nothing and vanly. He bringeth the Princes to nothing. He maketh the Judges of the Earth as vanity, *Isaiah 40. ver. 17. & 23.* And who is able to conceive his ways — for the most part of His works are hid, *Eccles. 16. ver. 20, & 21.* And altho' we tell you what we think the Stars in their Courses, &c. seem to signifie; yet, God rules the Stars, and has the ordering and disposing of all Things. However Zanchius speaking of Astrology, writes very judiciously thus, viz. *Hic ergo est usus veræ Astrologiæ, ut multorum effectuum qui in terris sunt causas quæ in Cœlo sunt cognoscant; aliquando etiam antequam fiant ipsos effectus in suis causis prævideant.* 'Tis the use of True Astrology to understand from is the Causes which are in the Heavens, of many Effects that are on Earth, and sometimes to foresee those Effects in their Causes, before they come to pass.

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**A perpetual TABLE of break of Day, Twilight, Length of the day & night, & the Increase and Decrease of the days.**

THE Months.	Days.	Break of Day.		Twilight ends.		length of the Day.		length of the night.		Incr. &c. of Days.	
		H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.
January	1	5	54	6	6	7	56	16	4	0	24
	11	5	42	6	18	8	22	15	38	0	51
	21	5	35	6	25	8	52	15	8	1	26
February	1	5	17	6	43	9	26	14	34	2	8
	11	5	07		0	10	2	13	58	2	45
	21	4	45	7	19	10	36	13	24	3	29
March	1	4	22	7	40	11	14	12	46	4	2
	11	3	39	8	1	12	0	12	0	4	42
	21	3	34	8	22	12	36	11	24	5	22
April	1	3	5	8	55	13	20	10	40	6	10
	11	2	38	9	22	14	49	5	56	6	50
	21	2	29		58	14	40	9	20	7	28
May	1	1	30	10	30	15	16	8	44	8	0
	11	0	30		11	30	15	42	18	8	32
	21	All Day		No Night		16	10	7	50	8	54
June	1	and		but		16	10	7	40	9	11
	11	no		Twilight		16	16	7	34	9	16
	21	Night		light		16	20	7	40	0	5
July	1	Night		light		16	6	7	54	0	20
	11	0	42	11	18	15	42	8	18	0	43
	21	1	22	10	38	15	18	8	42	1	13
August	1	2	00	10	00	14	42	9	18	1	52
	11	2	21	9	39	14	49	5	56	2	32
	21	3	09		0	13	28	10	32	3	6
September	1	3	30	8	30	12	46	11	14	3	52
	11	3	59	8	1	12	0	12	00	4	34
	21	4	19	7	41	11	18	12	32	5	14
October	1	4	48	7	11	10	48	13	12	5	54
	11	5	07		0	10	8	13	52	6	34
	21	5	18	6	42	9	30	14	3	7	13
November	1	5	37	6	23	8	52	15	8	7	55
	11	5	45	6	15	8	22	15	38	8	25
	21	5	54	6	6	7	58	16	28	8	54
December	1	5	57	6	3	7	40	16	20	9	10
	11	6	06		0	7	34	16	26	9	16
	21	5	58	6	2	7	44	16	16	Incr.	7

This TABLE shews you the Time when the Day breaks, and when the Twilight ends, after the going down of the Sun; and the Length of the day, and Night and how much the days are increased, &c. on the 1st. 11th. and 21th. day, of every Month, throughout the year, for ever; in the Latitude of 51 D. 32.

# Notæ Vulgares :

OR,

Common Notes for this present Year, 1696.  
according to both Accounts, viz.

Julian and Gregorian.

6	The Golden Number.	6
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## The Use of the Two ensuing Tyde-Tables.

**T**O find the time of Full Sea, or High Water in any of those Places mentioned in the two ensuing Tyde-Tables, you must observe, First, the Age of the Moon, which you may easily find in the next following Table, wherein you have the Moon's Age every day throughout this year, 1696. and having therein found out the Moon's Age, according to those Directions mentisied for that purpose in the side of the said Table; then have recourse unto the said Tyde-Tables, & look for the place desir'd in the Head of the said Tables, with the Age of the Moon, in the Column under the Title of the Moon's Age, and in the Common Angle, or meeting of those Lines in the Column under your Place, you shall have the time of High-water & Full Tyde in hours & minutes.

Yet Note, That the Tydes do not always fall out exactly at the time found in these Tables, by reason of the Difference of the Moon's Latitude, High Winds, Land-Flouds, &c. which very often alter the Time; but this is the Common Rule, generally given, for the finding of them. A



**A TABLE** of the Moon's Age every day throughout this Year, 1696. whereby, with the help of the ensuing Tyde-Tables, the time of High-water and full Tyde may be found in those Places there inserted.

Days.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.
1	7	8	8	9	10	12	12	14	15	15	17	17
2	8	9	9	10	11	13	13	15	16	16	18	18
3	9	10	10	11	12	14	14	16	17	17	19	19
4	10	11	11	12	13	15	15	17	18	18	20	20
5	11	12	12	13	14	16	16	18	19	19	21	21
6	12	13	13	14	15	17	17	19	20	20	22	22
7	13	14	14	15	16	18	18	20	21	21	23	23
8	14	15	15	16	17	19	19	21	22	22	24	24
9	15	16	16	17	18	20	20	22	23	23	25	25
10	16	17	17	18	19	21	21	23	24	24	26	26
11	17	18	18	19	20	22	22	24	25	25	27	27
12	18	19	19	20	21	23	23	25	26	26	28	28
13	19	20	20	21	22	24	24	26	27	27	29	29
14	20	21	21	22	23	25	25	27	28	28	30	30
15	21	22	22	23	24	26	26	28	29	29	1	1
16	22	23	23	24	25	27	27	29	30	1	2	2
17	23	24	24	25	26	28	28	30	1	2	3	3
18	24	25	25	26	27	29	29	1	2	3	4	4
19	25	26	26	27	28	30	1	2	3	4	5	5
20	26	27	27	28	29	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
21	27	28	28	29	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7
22	28	29	29	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8
23	29	1	30	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	9
24	30	2	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10
25	1	3	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11
26	2	4	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12
27	3	5	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	13
28	4	6	5	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14
29	5	7	6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	15
30	6	—	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	16
31	7	—	8	—	11	—	13	14	—	16	—	17

The Use of this Table is easie to be understood; for find the Month desired in the Head of the Table, and the Day thereof in the First Column under the Title Days, and in the Common Meeting of the Lines, you shall have the Moon's Age, &c.

# The First Part of the Tyde-TABLE, 1696.

The Moon's Age.		Queenborough, Southampton, Spit., Portsmouth, Isle of Wight, Dunkirk Beachy, Kentishknock.		Gravefend, Downs, Romney, Blackheaf, Scilly half Tide, Tenet Rankes, Sny Land.		London, Tinnmouth, Harlepool, Amsterdam, Whitby, Bretain, G Jough, Galicia.		Newcastle, Humbar, Edmouthe, Dartmouth, Guernfy, Lizard, Torbay, Fy, St. Malloze.		Plymouth, Weymouth, Hull, Lyn, Amwerf, St. Davids, Holmes of Bristol, St. Malloze, Lundy.		Bristol, Foulness, at the Start.		Yarmouth, Dover, Harwich, Calice Road, St. John de Luce, Bullion in the Frith.		
D.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.
1	12	48	2	18	3	48	6	3	6	48	7	33	11	18		
2	1	36	3	6	4	36	6	5	7	36	8	21	12	6		
3	2	24	3	5	5	24	7	39	8	24	9	9	12	54		
4	3	12	4	4	6	12	8	27	9	12	9	57	1	42		
5	4	00	5	3	7	00	9	15	10	00	10	45	2	30		
6	4	48	6	18	7	48	10	3	10	48	11	33	3	18		
7	5	36	7	6	8	36	10	51	11	36	12	21	4	6		
8	6	24	7	5	9	24	11	39	12	24	1	9	4	54		
9	7	12	8	4	10	12	12	27	1	12	1	57	5	42		
10	8	00	9	3	11	00	1	15	2	00	2	45	6	30		
11	8	48	10	18	11	48	2	3	2	48	3	33	7	18		
12	9	36	11	6	12	36	2	51	3	36	4	21	8	6		
13	10	24	11	5	1	24	3	39	4	24	5	9	8	54		
14	11	12	12	4	2	12	4	27	5	12	5	57	9	42		
15	12	00	1	3	3	00	5	15	6	00	6	45	10	30		
16	12	48	2	18	3	48	6	3	6	48	7	33	11	18		
17	1	36	3	6	4	36	6	51	7	36	8	21	12	6		
18	2	24	3	5	5	24	7	39	8	24	9	9	12	54		
19	3	12	4	4	6	12	8	27	9	12	9	57	1	42		
20	4	00	5	3	7	00	9	15	10	00	10	45	2	30		
21	4	48	6	18	7	48	10	3	10	48	11	33	3	18		
22	5	36	7	6	8	36	10	51	11	36	12	21	4	6		
23	6	24	7	5	9	24	11	39	12	24	1	9	4	54		
24	7	12	8	4	10	12	12	27	1	12	1	57	5	42		
25	8	00	9	3	11	00	1	15	2	00	2	45	6	30		
26	8	48	10	18	11	48	2	3	2	48	3	33	7	18		
27	9	36	11	6	12	36	2	51	3	36	4	21	8	6		
28	10	24	11	5	1	24	3	39	4	24	5	9	8	54		
29	11	12	12	4	2	12	4	27	5	12	5	57	9	42		
30	12	00	1	3	3	00	5	15	6	00	6	45	10	30		

# The Latter Part of the Tyde-TABLE, 1696.

The Moon's Age.	Rye, Winchelsea, Gernard, Thames-mouth, Fair-Isle, Rhodæ.		Needles, Orford, Longhuff, South and North Foreland.		Dunstable, St. Andrews, Linton, St. Leonards, Bell-Isle, Holes.		Milford, Bridgewater, Fozzels, Waterford, Lands-end, Capeside, Abermerick, Exmouth.		Berwick, Olfend, Flushing, Bourdeaux, Flamborough, Foulness.		Portland, Peter-port, Hague, Dublin, Harfleur, Lambay, St. Magnus, Sound, Macao.		Recheffer, Malden, Aberdeen, West-end of the Nore, Black-Tail.	
D.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	
1	12	3	10	33	3	3	8	18	4	33	9	3	1	33
2	12	5	11	21	3	5	9	6	5	21	9	5	1	21
3	1	39	12	9	4	39	9	54	6	9	10	39	3	9
4	2	27	12	57	5	27	10	42	6	57	11	27	3	57
5	3	15	6	45	6	15	11	30	7	45	12	15	4	45
6	4		3	33	7	3	12	18	8	33	1	3	5	33
7	4	5	13	21	7	5	1	6	9	21	1	5	6	21
8	5	39	4	9	8	39	1	54	10	9	2	39	7	9
9	6	27	4	57	9	27	2	42	10	57	3	27	7	57
10	7	15	5	45	10	15	3	30	11	45	4	15	8	45
11	8		3	33	11	3	4	18	12	33	5		9	33
12	8	5	17	21	11	5	5	6	1	21	5	5	10	21
13	9	39	8	9	12	39	5	54	2	9	6	39	11	9
14	10	27	8	57	1	27	6	42	2	57	7	27	11	57
15	11	15	9	45	2	15	7	30	3	45	8	15	12	45
16	12		3	33	3		8	18	4	33	9		1	33
17	12	5	11	21	3	5	9	6	5	21	9	5	2	21
18	1	39	12	9	4	39	9	54	6	9	10	39	3	9
19	2	27	12	57	5	27	10	42	6	57	11	27	3	57
20	3	15	1	45	6	15	11	30	7	45	12	15	4	45
21	4		3	33	7		12	18	8	33	1		5	33
22	4	5	13	21	7	5	1	6	9	21	1	5	6	21
23	5	39	4	9	8	39	1	54	10	9	2	39	7	9
24	6	27	4	57	9	27	2	42	10	57	3	27	7	57
25	7	15	5	45	10	15	3	30	11	45	4	15	8	45
26	8		3	33	11		4	18	12	33	5		9	33
27	8	5	17	21	11	5	5	6	1	21	5	5	10	21
28	9	39	8	9	12	39	5	54	2	9	6	39	11	9
29	10	27	8	57	1	27	6	42	2	57	7	27	11	57
30	11	15	9	45	2	15	7	30	3	45	8	15	12	45

1696.

January hath xxxi Days.

First Quarter, the 1 day, 48 minutes past 9 morning.

Full Moon, the 9 day, 39 minutes past 8 morning.

Last Quarter, the 17 day, 2 minutes past 10 morning.

New Moon, the 24 day, 39 minutes past 5 morning.

First Quarter, the 30 day, 52 minutes past 11 at night.

N D	S D	Festival Days and the Weather.	the ☉ ☿ ♀			Planets Mutu- al Aspects, &c.
			D.	M.	D.	
1	a	New-years-Day.	21	16	21	31 Sun. r. 8. 8.
2	b	Cold, and snowy wea-	22	27	4	38 Sun. sets, 3. 54.
3	c	ther at this time, &c.	23	28	17	30
4	d		24	30	0	9
5	e	2 after Christmas.	25	31	12	38
6	f	Epiphany.	26	32	24	38 Δ ☉ ♀.
7	g	Some remission of cold:	27	33	7	11 Δ ☉ ♀.
8	a	Various Weather now.	28	34	19	16 ☐ ☉ ♀.
9	b		29	35	1	17 Sun rises, 7. 55.
10	c	Some Snow at hand,	0	37	13	12 Sun sets, 4. 6.
11	d	and cold Winds, &c.	1	38	25	5 ♀ Apogæon.
12	e	1 after Epiphany.	2	39	6	57 ☐ ♀.
13	f	Hilary, B. &c.	3	40	18	52
14	g	At this time, stormy,	4	41	0	52
15	a	snowy, cold, and sleety,	5	42	13	2
16	b	windy Weather.	6	43	25	27 Δ ♀ ☉.
17	c		7	44	8	13 Sun rises, 7. 43.
18	d		8	45	21	21 Sun sets, 4. 19.
19	e	2 after Epiphany.	9	46	5	0
20	f	Moderate weather; in	10	47	19	9
21	g	this Week.	11	48	3	44
22	a		12	49	18	44 ☐ ♀ ☉.
23	b	Term-begins.	13	50	3	59
24	c		14	51	19	35 ♀ Perigæon.
25	d	St. Paul's Conversion.	15	51	4	24
26	e	3 after Epiphany.	16	52	19	15 Sun rises, 7. 27.
27	f	Pretty good Weather	17	52	3	43 Sun sets 4. 35.
28	g	about this time, &c.	18	54	17	42
29	a		19	54	1	15
30	b	K. Charles I. Martyr.	20	55	14	23
31	c	Snow at hand.	21	56	27	11 Δ ☉ ♀.

## January's Planetary Transactions, and Observations, 1696.

The {  
 12 day, at 8 at night, *Mars*  
 14 day at 4 in the morning *Jupiter*  
 20 day at 9 at night, *Venus*  
 22 day at 2 in the afternoon, *Saturn*  
 23 day at 6 at night, *Mercury* } is with the }.

*Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, and Mercury, are Oriental, and Morning Stars, all this Month.*

THE *Sun* and *Saturn* having been very lately in Conjunction in *Capricorn*, are now separating, and now *Jupiter* and *Mars* are Retrograde in *Virgo*: and the Heavenly Bodies are thus disposed, as unto their Mutual Aspects, viz. Here is a Trine of the *Sun* and *Jupiter*, of *Jupiter* and *Mercury*, and of *Mars* and *Mercury*, in *Virgo* and *Capricorn*: a Quartile of *Mars* and *Venus*, and of *Jupiter* and *Venus*, in *Virgo*, and Sagitary: a Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mercury* in *Capricorn*; and at the Month's end, a Trine of *Mars* and *Venus* in *Virgo* and *Capricorn*. The Stars at this time, seem in a pretty moderate posture, and so have favourable Significations, as unto Mundane Concernments: yet some things may happen of some Melancholy importance—and the publick Affairs of some European Nations, may meet with some Difficulties: and its probable, that some Martial Matters may be on foot still, in some Places, tho' Peace may be desired and promoted by some People, (who have been long under Disturbances) and some things tending thereto, may be now under Consideration, if not concluded before this time—

The Year will begin with cold Weather, if not much Snow; and cold, frosty, and snowy Weather, will appear now and then, herein: yet the Weather will be often changing, and of a various Nature, &c. — in this Month.

February



1696.

February hath xxix Days.

Full Moon, the 8 day, 13 minutes past 2 morning.

Last Quarter, the 15 day 24 minutes after midnight.

New Moon, the 22 day, 23 minutes past 3 afternoon.

First Quarter, the 29 day, 46 minutes past 3 afternoon.

M.D.	W.D.	Festival Days and the Weather.	☉	☿	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	Planets Mutual Aspects, &c.
D.	D.		D.	M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.	
1	d	(Fa <sup>l</sup> .	22	57	9	II	41	8	☉ ☿.	
2	e	Purif. B. V. Mary.	23	57	21	59			Sun rises, 7. 14.	
3	f	At the end of the other	24	58	4	☿	7		Sun sets, 4. 48.	
4	g	Week, or at this time,	25	59	16	10				
5	a	windy, cold, and sleety	26	59	28	8				
6	b	Weather, or much rain,	28	0	10	♂	4		☿ ☿ ☿.	
7	c	windy, and unsettled	29	0	22	0	8	8	☿ ☿ ☿.	
8	d	Weather now also.	0	✕	13	☿	54			
9	e	Septuagesima.	1	1	15	51				
10	f	Unsettled weather now	2	2	27	50	8	☉ ☿.		
11	g	too; sudden storms,	3	2	29	55				
12	a	Term ends, ] if not	4	2	22	10			Sun rises, 6. 54.	
13	b	Claps of Thunder, in	5	2	4	♂	57		Sun sets, 5. 8.	
14	c	Valentine B. [this	6	3	17	21				
15	d	Week, in some places.	7	3	0	26	6	h	☿ ☿ ☿. ☿ ☿.	
16	e	Sextagesima.	8	3	13	57	Δ	☿ ☿.		
17	f	At the other weeks end,	9	4	27	54	*	☿ ☿.		
18	g	or now, Snowy, cold,	10	4	12	☿	21	☿ ☿ ☿.		
19	a	sleety and stormy wea-	11	4	27	11			Sun rises, 6. 40.	
20	b	ther, may be expected:	12	4	12	☿	19	☿	☿ ☿ ☿.	
21	c	if not much wet, &c.	13	4	27	36	Δ	h	☿ ☿.	
22	d		14	4	12	☿	48	*	☿ ☿.	
23	e	Shrove Sunday.	15	4	27	47			Sun sets, 5. 29.	
24	f	Good Weather. (Fa <sup>l</sup> .	16	4	12	☿	23			
25	g	S. Matthias.	17	4	26	33			Shrove-Tuesday	
26	a	Ash-Wednesday.	18	4	10	☿	16		Sun rises, 6. 25.	
27	b	The Month ends with	19	4	23	30			Sun sets, 5. 35.	
28	c	moderate and seasona-	20	4	6	II	21	*	☿ ☿ ☿. ☿ ☿.	
29	d	ble Weather,	21	5	18	50				

## February's Planetary Transactions, and Observations, 1696.

The { 8 day at 10 in the morning *Mars*  
 10 day at 6 in the morning *Jupiter*  
 19 day at 4 in the morning *Saturn* } is with the Sun.  
 19 day at 11 before noon *Venus*  
 23 day at 8 at night *Mercury*

*Saturn*, *Jupiter*, and *Venus*, are *Morning Stars* all this *Month*, and *Mars* to the 10th. day; and then *He* becomes *Occidental*, and an *Evening Star*; and *Mercury* is an *Evening Star* all this *Month*.

THIS Month begins with a *Conjunction* of the *Sun*, and *Mercury* in *Aquarius*; and now there is an *Opposition* of *Mars* and *Mercury*, the *Sun* and *Mars*, and *Jupiter* and *Mercury*, in *Virgo* and *Pisces*: a *Conjunction* of *Saturn* and *Venus* in *Capricorn*: a *Trine* of *Jupiter* and *Venus*, and of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, in *Virgo* and *Capricorn*: a *Sexile* of *Saturn* and *Mercury* in *Capricorn* and *Pisces*; and two *Sexile Aspects* of *Venus* and *Mercury*, the one in *Capricorn* and *Pisces*, the other in *Aries* and *Aquarius*: and about the middle of the Month, *Mars* by a *Retrograde Motion* comes back from *Virgo* into *Leo*. — Some Material Things may now happen, both at Sea and Land; and some hasty and unquiet Proceedings, in some Places, under *Virgo* and *Pisces*. — The publick Negotiations of some Nations, may meet with Interruptions, and may be in somewhat an unsettled Condition: and many Turnings and Windings may happen in their Affairs: and there may be Losses at Sea, by bad Weather, or Piratical Actions, &c. — The aforesaid *Oppositions* seem of an unkind Nature, and their Effects may be accordingly: tho' the other Aspects of the Stars now, are of a pretty serene and propitious Temper.

*Uncertain Weather* in this Month: sometimes windy, cold, wet, or snowy: and sometimes pretty warm; and some Glaps of Thunder may happen in some places also.

March

1696.

March hath xxxi Days.

Full Moon, the 8 day, 34 minutes past 7 at night.  
 Last Quarter, the 16 day, 28 minutes past 10 in morning.  
 New Moon, the 23 day, 2 minutes past 1 morning.  
 First Quarter, the 30 day, 25 minutes past 9 morning.

M.	D.	Festival Days, and the Weather.	☉	☿	♂	♂	Planets mutual Aspects, &c.
			D.	M.	D.	M.	
1	D	1 Sunday in Lent.	22	3	1	5	♂ ☉ ♀.
2	f	Hasty storms; Claps	23	3	13	8	Sun rises, 6.17.
3	f	of Thunder.	24	3	25	4	* ☉ ♀.
4	g	Ember-Week.	25	2	6	56	Sun sets, 5.47.
5	a	Pretty moderate wea-	26	2	18	50	♂ Apogee.
6	b	ther now, &c.	27	1	0	46	
7	c		28	1	12	45	
8	D	2 Sunday in Lent.	29	0	24	47	
9	f		0	✓	0	57	Sun rises and
10	f	Hasty showers in this	0	59	19	14	sets at 6.
11	g	Week, in divers places;	1	59	1	40	
12	a	if not Claps of Thun-	2	58	14	18	♂ ♂ ♀.
13	b	der: windy & uncon-	3	57	27	9	♂ ☉.
14	c	stant Weather.	4	57	10	13	♂ ☉ ♀.
15	D	3 Sunday in Lent.	5	56	23	44	
16	f		6	55	7	33	
17	f	Pretty good weather,	7	54	21	44	Sun rises, 5.45.
18	g	for the most part of	8	53	6	16	Sun sets, 6.17.
19	a	this week, especially,	9	53	21	8	♂ Perigee.
20	b	at or about the end	10	52	6	5	
21	c	thereof—	11	51	21	6	
22	D	Middle Sunday.	12	50	5	56	♂ Stat. ad Di-
23	f	Moderate Weather	13	49	20	12	rect.
24	f	now. (Fast.	14	48	4	45	
25	g	Annunc. of B.V. Mary.	15	46	18	33	
26	a	Some gentle showers	16	45	1	53	
27	b	now: Seasonable	17	44	14	52	♂ ☉.
28	c	Weather.	18	43	27	26	* ♀ ☉. Vera.
29	D	5 Sunday in Lent.	19	42	9	42	Sun rises, 7.22.
30	f	Moderate Weather.	20	40	21	44	Sun sets 6.40.
31	f		21	39	13	38	

## March's Planetary Transactions, and Observations, 1696.

The { 5 day at 10 at night *Mars*  
8 day at 5 in the morning *Jupiter*  
17 day at 6 at night *Saturn*  
20 day at 3 in the morning *Venus*  
22 day at 1 in the morning *Mercury* } is with the ☾

*Saturn* and *Venus* are *Oriental*, and *Morning Stars* all this *Month*——*Jupiter*, *Mars* and *Mercury* are *Occidental* and *Evening Stars*; only *Mercury* about the middle of the *Month*, becomes *Oriental*, and a *Morning Star*.

**M**Any eminent Transactions now in hand; and a busie Time, in several Parts of Europe: However, the late *Trine Aspect* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, in *February* past, seems to be of a serene and mild Disposition, and to portend Things relating unto Peace and Quietness to ensue: and may appear in some places, e'er long——We have in this *Month* of *March* an *Opposition* of the *Sun* and *Jupiter* (at the very beginning thereof) in *Virgo* and *Pisces*: a *Sexile* of the *Sun* and *Saturn* in *Capricorn* and *Pisces*: an *Opposition* of *Mars* and *Venus*, in *Leo* and *Aquarius*: a *Conjunction* of the *Sun* and *Mercury* in *Aries*; and *Mars* now becomes direct in *Motion*, in *Leo*, whose Influence now, at the Ingress of the *Sun* into *Aries*, seems to be disliked——So that notwithstanding the Pretences of Peace, in some Places, there may be still Rumours of War, and Martial Undertakings, in several Parts of the World: Besides, a sickly Spring may be feared, if not very pestilential Diseases in some places: sudden Fires, and unruly Actions, &c.

Great Storms of Hail and Rain sometimes in this *Month*, in divers places, and hally Claps of Thunder, &c.

April

Full Moon, the 7 day, 13 minutes past 11 before noon.

Last Quarter, the 14 day, 45 minutes past 5 at night.

New Moon, the 21 day, 3 minutes past 11 before noon.

First Quarter, the 29 day, 44 minutes past 2 morning.

M.D.	W.D.	Festival Days and the Weather.	☉ D.	☿ M.	☽ D.	♂ M.	♀ M.	Planets mutual Aspects, &c.
1	B	Warm now; but cold	22	38	15	Ω	20	△ ⊙ δ.
2	a	storms of hail and	23	36	27	15	☽	Apogæon.
3	b	rain at hand.	24	35	6	☿	17 8	♂ ♀.
4	c		25	33	21	28	□	⊙ h.
5	D	Palm-Sunday.	26	32	3	♄	51	Sun rises, 5. 6.
6	e	Many cold storms in	27	30	15	24		Sun sets, 6. 56.
7	f	in this week, of hail.	28	29	28	10		
8	B	rain, &c.	29	27	11	♄	8	
9	a	Mayndy Thursday	0	26	24	18	☽	Ω.
10	b	Good Friday.	1	24	7	↑	39	* h ♀.
11	c	(Fast.	2	22	20	15		
12	D	Easter-Sunday.	3	20	4	♄	3	
13	e	Easter-Monday.	4	19	18	4		Sun rises, 4. 50.
14	f	Easter-Tuesday	5	17	2	♄	18	Sun sets, 7. 11.
15	B	Moderate, and indiffe-	6	15	16	-44		
16	a	rent good Weather at	7	13	0	♄	16	☽ Perigæon.
17	b	this time, for ought I	8	11	14	51		
18	c	can discover.	9	9	29	21		
19	D	Low-Sunday.	10	7	14	Y	42	Sun rises, 4. 39.
20	e	No great alteration of	11	5	28	16		Sun sets, 7. 22.
21	f	Weather now, rather	12	3	12	♄	31	
22	B	seasonable than other-	13	1	26	58		☽ ☿.
23	a	St. George. (wife.	13	59	9	♄	53	
24	b		14	57	22	31		
25	c	St. Mark Evang.	15	55	5	♄	15	Sun rises. 4. 28.
26	D	2 after Easter.	16	54	17	54	△ ⊙ ♀.	
27	e	Some cold storms now.	17	51	29	48		Sun sets, 7. 35.
28	f		18	49	11	Ω	37	□ h ♀.
29	B	Term begins.	19	46	23	43	☽	Apogæon.
30	a		20	44	5	♄	29	△ δ ♀.



## April's Planetary Transactions, and Observations 1696.

The	{	2 day at 4 in the morning <i>Mars</i> 4 day at 6 in the morning <i>Jupiter</i> 14 day at 2 in the morning <i>Saturn</i> 18 day at 11 at night <i>Venus</i> 19 day at 10 before noon <i>Mercury</i> 29 day at midnight <i>Mars</i>	}	is with the ☽.
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*Saturn* and *Venus* continue still *Oriental*, and *Morning Stars*, and so is *Mercury* also: *Mars* and *Jupiter* are *Occidental* and *Evening Stars*.

**T**Here is at the beginning of this Month, a *Trine Aspect* of the *Sun* and *Mars*, in *Aries* and *Leo*: an *Opposition* of *Jupiter* and *Venus* in *Virgo* and *Pisces*: a *Quartile* of the *Sun* and *Saturn*, in *Aries* and *Capricorn*: then a *Sextile Aspect* of *Saturn* and *Venus* in *Capricorn* and *Pisces*; and towards the Month's end, a *Trine* of the *Sun* and *Jupiter*, in *Taurus* and *Virgo*: of *Mars* and *Mercury*, in *Aries* and *Leo*: and a *Quartile* of *Saturn* and *Mercury*, in *Aries* and *Capricorn*: and *Saturn* becomes *Retrograde*, in the 26th. Degree of *Capricorn*.—— Many various Reports will be now abroad, about the present Designs, and Undertakings of some *European* Countries. A dubious Time as touching National Concernments. Some People may be now willing to be at Peace, whilst others are inclined to War and Contention. The Stars at present seem to have very uncertain Significations, as unto *Mundane Transactions*: some things of Remark may happen either in the *Air*, or upon the *Earth*, at the end of this Month, or beginning of the next.—— Unpleasant Matters at hand in some Places, &c.——

There will be in this Month, now and then, unsettled Weather, and many Storms, &c.——

May

1696.

May hath xxxi days.

Full Moon, the 6 day, 48 minutes past 11 at night.

Last Quarter, the 13 day, 36 minutes past 10 at night.

New Moon, the 20 day, 55 minutes past 9 at night.

First Quarter, the 28 day, 15 minutes past 8 at night.

M.D.	W.D.	Festival Days and the Weather.	☉	☿	♂	♂	♂	♂	Planets mutu- al Aspects, &c.
1	h	S. Philip and Jacob.	21	42	15	☿	23		Sun rises, 4. 18.
2	c	Cold storms now.	22	39	29		26		Sun sets, 7. 43.
3	D	3 after Easter.	23	37	11	☿	43		
4	e	At, or about this time,	24	35	24		15	☐ ♄ ♀.	
5	f	some cold showers of	25	32	7	♂	3	☐ ☉ ♄.	
6	g	hail or rain, may be	26	30	20		11	☐ ☉ ☿.	
7	a	expected.	27	27	3	♂	34	☐ ☉ ☿.	
8	h		28	25	17		13		
9	c		29	23	1	☿	1	☐ ♄ ♀.	
10	D	4 after Easter.	☉	☿	20	14	58		Sun rises, 4. 6.
11	e		1	18	28		58		Sun sets, 7. 56.
12	f	Some Showers in this	2	15	13		3	☐ ☉ ♀.	
13	g	week too; and unset-	3	12	27		9	☐ ♄ ♀.	
14	a	tled weather; if not	4	10	11	☿	5	☐ ☉ ☿.	
15	h	some Glaps of Thunder	5	7	25		23		
16	c	now.	6	5	9	☿	29	☐ ☉ ☿.	
17	D	Rogation Sunday.	7	2	23		29		
18	e	Some sudden storms in	7	59	7	☿	24		
19	f	this week; windy Wea-	8	57	21		8	☐ ☉ ☿. ☐ ☉.	
20	g	ther, &c. — (Fast:	9	54	4	☿	57	☐ ☉ ☿.	
21	a	Holy Thursday.	10	51	17		51		Sun rises, 3. 52.
22	h	Unsettled Weather,	11	48	0	☿	47		Sun sets, 7. 9.
23	c	stormy, &c.	12	46	13		24	☐ ♄ ♀.	
24	D	6 after Easter.	13	43	25		45	☐ ♄ ♀.	
25	e	Term ends.	14	40	7	☿	49		
26	f	Some showers in this	15	37	19		45	☐ ☉ ☿.	
27	g	week too, if not some	16	35	1	☿	34		
28	a	Thunder, &c.	17	32	13		22		(♀.
29	h	K. Charles II. N. & R.	18	29	25		14	☐ ☉ ♄. ☐ ♄	
30	c	Fast.	19	26	7	☿	19		Sun rises, 3. 44.
31	D	Whit-Sunday.	20	23	19		36		Sun sets 8. 17.

# May's Planetary Transactions and Observations.

1 day at noon *Jupiter*  
 11 day at 6 morning *Saturn*  
 18 day at 9 at night *Venus*  
 20 day at 10 at night *Mercury*  
 28 day at 8 morning *Mars*  
 28 day at 10 at night *Jupiter*

The { is with the Moon!

*Saturn* and *Venus* are *Oriental* and *Morning Stars* all this Month, and *Mercury* is *Oriental* to the 20th. day, and then he becomes *Occidental* and an *Evening Star*: *Jupiter* & *Mars* are *Occidental* & *Evening Stars* all this Month.

A Type of the Moon's Eclipse in this Month.



UPON Wednesday, the 6th. d. y of this Month, there will be a very Great and Total Eclipse of the Moon, in the 27th. degree of *Scorpio*, which (if the Air prove serene and clear) will be visible here in *England*, &c.—It will begin about 48 minutes past 9 of the Clock at Night. The beginning of Total Darknes, will be about 50 minutes past 10. The middle or greatest Obscuration thereof, will be about 48 minutes past 11. The beginning of the Moon's recovering Light, will be about 44 minutes past midnight; and the end will be about 47 minutes past 1. on the 7th. day in the morning. The Total Duration will be 3 hours and 48 minutes, and the Digits Eclipsed 21 and 48 minutes—*Mars* is now come into *Virgo*, and *Jupiter* becomes direct in *Libra* therein: And here is a *Quartile* of *Saturn* and *Venus* in *Aries* and *Capricorn*; of the *Sun* and *Mars*, *Mars* and *Mercury*, *Jupiter* and *Mercury*, and the *Sun* and *Jupiter* in *Gemini* and *Virgo*: A *Trine* of the *Sun* and *Saturn* in *Taurus* and *Capricorn*, of *Jupiter* and *Mercury*, *Mars* and *Venus*, and *Jupiter* and *Venus* in *Taurus* and *Virgo*. and a *Conjunction* of the *Sun* and *Mercury* in *Gemini*. A month of much business and variety of Action in sundry parts of the World, and many Inconveniences, &c.—

We y. unconstant weather in this Month! many hasty storms therein, with violent Thunder, &c. in some places, and high winds.

1696

June hath xxx Days.

Full Moon, the 5 day, 51 minutes past 9 morning.

Last Quarter, the 12 day, 45 minutes past 2 morning.

New Moon the 19 day 35 minutes past 10 before noon.

First Quarter, the 27 day, 11 minutes past noon.

M.D.	D.	Festival days and the weather.	D.	☉		☽		Planets mutual Aspects, &c.
				☿	♈	♉	♊	
1	2	Whit-Monday.	21	20	2	♈	14	Sun rises 3. 42.
2	3	Whit-Tuesday.	22	18	15	13		Sun sets 8. 18.
3	4	Ember-week.	23	15	28	34		☽ ☿.
4	5	Seasonable weather at this time.	24	12	12	20		
5	6		25	9	26	23		
6	7		26	6	10	VS	41	
7	8	Trinity-Sunday.	27	3	25	7		* ☿ ☽.
8	9	Moderate weather	28	0	9	23		
9	10	now unsettled weather	28	57	23	56		* ♃ ☽.
10	11	The longest d.	29	54	8	12		☽ Perigee.
11	12	S. Barnabas. (About	0	51	22	17		Sun rises 3. 41.
12	13	Term begins. this	1	49	6	10		8 ♈ ☽.
13	14	now end great storms &c.	2	46	19	54		☽ ♃ ☽.
14	15	1 after Trinity.	3	43	3	28		Sun sets 8. 19.
15	16	About the end of the o-	4	40	10	56		☽ ☽.
16	17	ther week, or now great	5	37	0	11		13
17	18	storms of hail and	6	34	13	21		
18	19	rain, with Thunder,	7	31	26	16		
19	20	and lightning, may	8	28	8	59		☽ ♃ ☽.
20	21	be expected.	9	25	21	30		
21	22	2 after Trinity.	10	22	3	47		☽ ♃ ☽.
22	23	Various weather now	11	19	15	51		☽ ☽ ☽.
23	24	also. (Fast.	12	16	27	43		Sun rises 3. 44.
24	25	S. John Baptist.	13	13	9	32		☽ Apogee.
25	26		14	10	21	22		Sun sets 8. 15.
26	27	Indifferent good wea-	15	7	3	13		
27	28	ther now. (Fast.	16	4	15	14		
28	29	3 after Trinity.	17	2	27	29		
29	30	S. Peter and Paul.	17	59	10	6		Sun rises 3. 49. &c.
30		Bad weather at hand.	18	50	23	5		Sets 8. 10. ☽ ☽.

## June's Planetary Transactions and Observations.

The	{	7 day at 11 before noon <i>Saturn</i> 17 day at 10 at night <i>Venus</i> 21 day at 4 afternoon <i>Mercury</i> 25 day at noon <i>Jupiter</i> 25 day at 10 at night <i>Mars</i>	}	is with the Moon;
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*Saturn* and *Venus* do still continue *Oriental*, and *Morning Stars*; *Jupiter*, *Mars*, and *Mercury*, are *Occidental*, and *Evening Stars*.

THE *Heavenly Bodies*, in *May* past, were in a very *active Condition*, and did seem to have pretty *eminent Significations*, as unto *Humane Concerns*; which, if not already manifested in that *Month*, may be now expected to appear. They did seem to signify some sudden *Fires*, tumultuous *Actions*, and infectious *Diseases* in some places, and *Vexations* and *Enormities* occasioned by *War* and its *Attendants*—There is in this *Month* of *June* a *Sextile Aspect* of *Mars* and *Mercury*, and of *Jupiter* and *Mercury* in *Cancer* and *Virgo*; an *Opposition* of *Saturn* and *Mercury* in *Cancer*, and *Capricorn*; a *Conjunction* of *Jupiter* and *Mars* in *Virgo*; a *Quartile* of *Jupiter* and *Venus*, and *Mars* and *Venus* in *Gemini* and *Virgo*; and a *Trine Aspect* of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *Virgo* and *Capricorn*. Many *Rumours* about the present *Designs* and *Proceedings* of some *Nations*; and some *Countries* may be under some *uneasie* and difficult *Circumstances*, as unto their present *Negotiations* both at *Sea* and *Land*. The *Effects* of the *Great Lunar Eclipse* in the last *Month*, are near *manifestation*, and will operate in this *World*, now, or ere long: And, if they be not of an *unpropitious Nature*, 'twill be well—

I fear that there will be very great *Storms* of *Hail* and *Rain* in this *Month*, with fierce *Thunder* and *Lighning* in divers *Places*.



Full Moon, the 4 day, 59 minutes past 6 at night.  
 Last Quarter, the 11 day, 57 minutes past 7 morning.  
 New Moon, the 18 day, 55 minutes past 11 at night.  
 First Quarter, the 27 day, 59 minutes past 2 morning.

M.D.	Festival days and the weather.	☉ M.D.	☾ M.D.	Planets mutual Aspects, &c.	
1	Term ends.	9	53	67 33	Sun rises 3. 5 h.
2	Visit. of B. V. Mary.	20	50	10 27	Sun sets 8. 9.
3	Tempestuous weather.	1	47	47 49	* ☉ ♀.
4	Great storms, &c.	22	44	19 28	8 ☉ h.
5	After Trinity.	23	41	4 20	△ h 4.
6	In the other week, or at	24	39	19 15	
7	this time, violent and	25	36	4 4	☽ Perigæon.
8	hasty showers of Rain.	26	33	18 35	
9	and Hail, with Thun-	27	30	3 54	
10	der and Lightning,	28	27	16 51	Sun rises 4. 0.
11	will happen in divers	29	24	0 30	Sun sets 7. 58.
12	After Trinity. (places	22	22	13 52	
13	Various, wet, and un-	1	19	27 2	☽ 88.
14	pleasant weather now	2	16	9 11 56	8 h ♀.
15	S. Swithen, B. (also	3	13	22 43	
16	unsettled weather con-	4	11	5 18	
17	tinues, &c.	5	8	17 45	* ♀ ♀.
18		6	5	0 2	
19	6 after Trinity, and	7	3	12 11	* ♂ ♀.
20	Dog-days begin.	8	0	24 10	Sun rises 4. 14.
21	Sudden storms, and	8	57	6 11 3	♂ ☉ ♀.
22	windy, tempestuous,	9	54	17 53	☽ Apogæon.
23	and unsettled weather.	0	51	29 41	Sun sets 7. 42.
24	(Fast.	11	49	1 33	
25	Sr. James Apostle.	12	47	13 34	
26	7 after Trinity.	13	44	5 46	♂ ♀ ♀.
27	Some sudden storms	14	42	18 19	☽ 88.
28	in this week too, and	15	39	1 14	* ☉ ♂.
29	tempestuous weather.	16	37	14 35	
30		17	34	28 31	Sun rises 4. 30.
31		18	27	12 28	Sun sets 7. 28.

## July's Planetary Transactions and Observations.

The {   
 4 day at 6 at night *Saturn*   
 18 day at 3 morning *Venus*   
 19 day at 9 morning *Mercury*   
 23 day at 3 morning *Jupiter*   
 24 day at 3 afternoon *Mars* } is with the Moon.

*Saturn* now becomes *Occidental*, and an *Evening Star*; *Jupiter* and *Mars* continue still *Occidental* and *Evening Stars*; *Mercury* is *Occidental* to the 21<sup>st</sup> day; and then He becomes *Oriental*, and a *Morning Star*; and *Venus* is still *Oriental*, and a *Morning Star*.

**M***ars* now leaves *Virgo*, and comes into *Libra*, and in this Month there is a *Sextile Aspect* of the *Sun* and *Jupiter* in *Cancer* and *Virgo*; an *Opposition* of the *Sun* and *Saturn*, and of *Saturn* and *Venus* in *Cancer* and *Capricorn*; a *Trine* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in *Virgo* and *Capricorn*; a *Sextile* of *Jupiter* and *Venus* in *Cancer* and *Virgo*; a *Conjunction* of the *Sun* and *Mercury*, and *Venus* and *Mercury* in *Leo*, (*Mercury* becoming now *Retrograde*) and a *Sextile* of *Mars* and *Mercury*, and the *Sun* and *Mars* in *Leo* and *Libra* — The *Portents* of the *Stars* now are of *Consequence*, and their *Effects* may be of great *Importance* in many respects unto some people. Many *considerable Transactions* may be now on-foot in sundry *Parts* of *Europe*, and rough *Doings* in some *Countries* and *Cities* under *Cancer* and *Capricorn*; and *Sea Matters*, and *Losses* there may be now much discoursed of; yet *Saturn* and *Jupiter* by their (now) *Trine Aspect* (which is the *second* they have made in this *Year*) seem to portend some things near at hand, relating unto the *Peace* and *Quiet* of some *Nations*; and many various *Reports* are now abroad, &c.

Many *violent showers* of *Rain* and *Hail* in this *Month*, if not some *great Floods* in some *Places*, with terrible *Thunder* and *Lightning*. Which *God* in *Mercy* prevent.

Full Moon, the 3 day, 38 minutes past 1 morning.

Last Quarter, the 9 day, 39 minutes past 5 afternoon.

New Moon, the 17 day, 13 minutes past 3 afternoon.

First Quarter, the 25 day, 18 minutes past 4 afternoon.

M.D.	D.	Festival days and the weather.	☉		☽		Planets mutual Aspects, &c.
			h.	m.	h.	m.	
1	C	Lammast-day.	19	30	27	41	Sun rises 4. 35.
2	D	8 after Trinity.	20	27	12	47	Sun sets 7. 24
3	E	In this week, there	21	25	27	57	
4	F	will happen some	22	22	13	6	☽ Perigæon.
5	G	Thunder and Light-	23	20	28	2	☐ h ☽.
6	A	ning and great show-	24	18	12	36	
7	H	ers of Hail and Rain	25	16	26	49	
8	C	in many places.	26	13	10	36	☽ ☽.
9	D	9 after Trinity.	27	11	23	59	* ☽ ☽.
10	E		28	9	7	7	Sun rises 4. 50.
11	F	Moderate weather in	29	7	19	48	Sun sets 7. 18
12	G	this week; and pret-	☉	5	25	21	
13	A	ty seasonable weather	1	3	14	42	
14	H	now.	2	0	26	55	
15	C		3	58	22	0	
16	D	10 after Trinity.	3	56	20	59	
17	E		4	54	2	53	
18	F	Indifferent good wea-	5	53	14	45	☽ Apogæon.
19	G	ther in this week al-	6	51	26	36	
20	A	so: some wet weather	7	49	8	27	Sun-rises 5. 10.
21	H	about the end thereof--	8	47	20	24	Sun sets 6. 48.
22	C	(Fast.	9	45	2	28	
23	D	11 after Trinity.	10	43	14	44	☽ ☽ ☽.
24	E	S. Bartholomew.	11	42	27	15	☽ ☽.
25	F	Moist weather at this	12	40	10	8	* ☽ ☽.
26	G	time.	13	38	23	24	
27	A	Dog-days end.	14	36	7	4	
28	H	Pretty good weather	15	35	21	19	Sun rises 5. 26.
29	C	now.	16	33	6	1	Sun sets 6. 32.
30	D	12 after Trinity.	17	32	21	24	☐ h ☽.
31	E		18	30	6	12	☽ Perigæon.

The	{	1 day at 3 morning Saturn	}	is with the Moon:
		16 day at 5 morning Mercury		
		17 day at 11 beforenoon Venus		
		19 day at 9 at night Jupiter		
		22 day at 10 morning Mars		
		28 day at 9 morning Saturn		

Saturn, Jupiter and Mars, are Occidental and Evening Stars all this Month; and Venus is Oriental to the 1st. day, and then she becomes Occidental and an Evening Star; Mercury is Oriental and a Morning Star all this Month.

**M**ercury now becomes direct in Motion in the 4th. degree of Leo; and in this Month Jupiter leaves Virgo, and comes into Libra; and Mars leaves Libra, and comes into Scorpio. There's but little doings amongst the Stars at this time, and they seem pretty favourably disposed; only here is a *Quartile Aspect* of Saturn and Mars in Libra and Capricorn, which may have some unquiet and uneasy Effects; and doth seem to import some Martial Actions to happen now in some Places under the said Constellations, &c. — The other Configurations in this Month, are a *Sextile Aspect* of Mars and Venus in Leo and Libra, of Mars and Mercury in Virgo and Scorpio, and a *Conjunction* of the Sun and Venus in Virgo, all of small, or little importance. But some Planets are going into a very bad Condition, and are hastning to many Conjunctions, which will appear in the next Month. — However, we may now hear of some Military Undertakings in some Places, if not of some Battels or Skirmishes, wherein the Turks, as well as the Christians, may be concerned —

There will be pretty good Weather, for the most part, in this Month; tho' some Storms, with Thunder, may happen sometimes therein in some Places.

Full Moon, the 1 day, 24 minutes past 9 morning.  
 Left Quarter, the 8 day, 20 minutes past 5 morning.  
 New Moon, the 16 day, 49 minutes past 7 morning.  
 First Quarter, the 24 day, 32 minutes past 3 morning.  
 Full Moon, the 30 day, 55 minutes past 5 at night.

D.	Festival days and the weather.	☉		☽		Planets mutual Aspects, &c.
		M.	P.	M.	P.	
1	f High winds in this	19	29	21	24	△ ○ h.
2	h week, sudden storms	20	27	6	31	△ h ♀.
3	a and unconstant wea-	21	26	21	19	♂ ○ ♀.
4	ther.	22	24	5	46	Sun rises 5. 41
5	f	23	23	19	46	☾ ☽.
6	13 after Trinity.	24	22	3	21	Sun sets 6. 15.
7	f Misty or wet weather	25	20	16	28	
8	f in this week: High	26	19	29	16	
9	h winds, and various	27	18	11	43	♂ ♀ ♀.
10	a and uncertain wea-	28	17	23	57	
11	ther for many days.	29	16	6	0	♂ ♀ ♀. On the 12
12	f	30	15	17	56	♂ h ♀. day the
13	14 after Trinity.	1	14	29	50	Sun r. & s. at 6.
14	f Exaltatio Crucis.	2	12	11	40	☾ Apogzon.
15	f	3	11	23	31	
16	h Ember-week.	4	10	5	27	
17	a Various and unsettled	5	10	17	27	* h ♂.
18	h weather now also,	6	9	19	33	♂ ○ ♀.
19	c and high winds (Fast.	7	8	11	47	□ h ♀.
20	15 after Trinity.	8	7	24	14	☾ ☽.
21	f S. Matthew	9	6	5	53	Sun rises 6. 17.
22	f Cold mornings, fleety,	10	5	9	49	Sun sets 5. 41.
23	h misty, or wet and	11	5	3	3	□ h ♀.
24	a drizzling weather now,	12	4	16	38	
25	h or about this time.	13	3	0	37	
26	f	14	3	15	0	
27	16 after Trinity.	15	2	29	42	
28	f	16	2	14	37	☾ Perigzon.
29	f S. Michael.	17	1	29	40	Sun rises 6. 33.
30	h Moderate weather.	18	1	14	40	Sun sets 5. 25.



## September's Planetary Transactions and Observations.

	16 day at 3 afternoon <i>Jupiter</i> 16 day at midnight <i>Venus</i> 17 day at 8 morning <i>Mercury</i> 20 day at 6 morning <i>Mars</i> 24 day at 6 at night <i>Saturn</i>	} is with the Moon.
The		

*Saturn, Mars and Venus* are *Occidental* and *Evening Stars* all this Month: *Jupiter* is also an *Evening Star* to the 18th. day; then *He* becomes *Oriental* and a *Morning Star*; and, from the third day, *Mercury* is *Occidental* and an *Evening Star* all this Mon.h.

There is now many meetings of some of the *Celestial Bodies*. The Month begins with a *Trine Aspect* of the *Sun* and *Saturn*, and of *Saturn* and *Mercury* in *Virgo* and *Capricorn*; and then follows herein a *Conjunction* of the *Sun* and *Mercury* in *Virgo*; a *Conjunction* of *Venus* and *Mercury*, of *Jupiter* and *Mercury*, of *Jupiter* and *Venus*, and the *Sun* and *Jupiter* in *Libra*; a *Sextile* of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *Scorpio* and *Capricorn*, and a *Quartile* of *Saturn* and *Mercury*, and of *Saturn* and *Venus* in *Libra* and *Capricorn*; and *Saturn*, about the middle of the Month, becomes direct in motion in the 19th. degree of *Capricorn*. The Influences of the *Stars* at this time are various, and the aforesaid *Conjunctions* seem to have some material *Significations*; which if tending unto *Peace* and *Concord* (as it may be hoped) 'twill be well. For there is no less than five *Conjunctions* now; which do all seem to import, that many *Treaties* and *Consultations* will be now, or e'er long, carried on for the promoting of *Peace* and *Quietness*; and that *Ambassadors*, &c. will be employed for that purpose, notwithstanding the endeavours of some people to the contrary—

Great *Winds* in this Month, if not much wet and unsettled weather, &c.

October

# 1696 October hath xxii Days.

Last Quarter, the 7 day, 26 minutes past 9 at night.

New Moon, the 15 day 39 minutes past 11 at night.

First Quarter, the 23 day, 55 minutes past 11 before noon.

Full Moon, the 30 day, 33 minutes past 4 morning.

M.D.	Festival days and the weather.	☉			Planets mutual Aspects, &c.
		D.	M.	M.	
1	<i>Wet and cold weather</i>	19	0	29 39	
2	<i>now, or ere long.</i>	20	0	14 01	☐ ☉ h.
3		21	0	28 11	☽ ☽.
4	<i>17 after Trinity.</i>	21	59	11 54	Sun rises 6. 44.
5	<i>unsettled weather at</i>	22	59	25 10	Sun sets 5. 14.
6	<i>this time: Cold and</i>	23	59	8 51	
7	<i>wet, or fleety wea-</i>	24	59	20 32	
8	<i>ther.</i>	25	58	28 43	
9		26	58	14 35	
10		27	58	26 36	* h ☽.
11	<i>18 after Trinity.</i>	28	58	8 12	
12	<i>Moderate and season-</i>	29	58	20 14	☽ Apogzon.
13	<i>able weather now,</i>	0	58	2 27	Sun rises 7. 2.
14	<i>and for the most part</i>	1	58	15 7	Sun sets, 4. 56.
15	<i>of this week; tho'</i>	2	58	26 14	
16	<i>somewhat moist, &amp;c.</i>	3	58	8 37	☽ ☽.
17		4	59	21 10	* h ☽.
18	<i>S. Luke Evang.</i>	5	59	3 54	
19	<i>Pretty good weather</i>	6	59	16 51	
20	<i>also now, and season-</i>	7	59	0 53	Sun rises 7. 16.
21	<i>ble for the time of the</i>	8	59	13 23	Sun sets 4. 42.
22	<i>year.</i>	9	59	27 0	* 4 ☽.
23	<i>Term begins.</i>	11	0	10 51	
24		12	0	24 57	
25	<i>20 after Trinity.</i>	13	1	9 17	
26	<i>Moderate weather</i>	14	1	23 58	☽ Perigzon.
27	<i>Bill. (Fast.</i>	15	2	8 19	
28	<i>S. Simon and Jude.</i>	16	2	23 8	Sun rises 7. 31.
29	<i>Very wet weather at</i>	17	3	7 44	☽ Eclips. visible.
30	<i>hand, cold and fleety.</i>	18	3	22 7	Sun sets 4. 26.
31	<i>(Fast.</i>	19	4	6 14	☽ ☽ ☽.

# October's Planetary Transactions and Observations.

The { 14 day at 10 morning Jupiter  
17 day at 9 morning Venus  
18 day at 2 morning Mercury  
19 day at 2 morning Mars  
22 day at 1 morning Saturn } : with the Moon.

Saturn, Mars, Venus, and Mercury, are Occidental, and Evening Stars all this Month; and Jupiter is Oriental and a Morning Star.

A Type of the Moon's Eclipse in this Month.



U Pon Friday the 30th. day of this Month, there will be a very Great and Total Eclipse of the Moon, in 18 degrees of Taurus; (which if the Air favours us) may be seen here in England, &c.— The Eclipse will begin about 18 minutes past 2 of the Clock in the Morning: The beginning of Total Darkness will be about 38 minutes past 3. The middle, or greatest Obscuration, will be about 33 minutes past 4. The Moon will begin to recover her Light about 27 minutes past 5; and the end thereof will be about 33 minutes past 6 in the Morning. The Total Duration will be about 4 hours, and the Digits Eclipsed 21 and 45 minutes.— There are but few Aspects of the Planets in this Month: At the beginning thereof, there is a Quasile Aspect of the Sun and Saturn in Libra and Capricorn; and Mars leaves Scorpio, and comes into Sagittary; and there is now Three Sextile Aspects, viz. of Saturn and Mercury, and Saturn and Venus in Scorpio and Capricorn, and of Jupiter and Mars in Libra and Sagittary, and, at the Month's end, a Conjunction of Venus and Mercury in Sagittary, Mercury becoming then Retrograde: A Month of no great Action; but moderate and mild Proceedings at this time more than formerly—

Seasonable Weather in this month for the time of the year—

November

Last Quarter, the 6 day, 33 minutes past 4 afternoon.

New Moon, the 14 day, 15 minutes past 5 at night.

First Quarter, the 21 day, 19 minutes past 8 at night.

Full Moon, the 28 day, 25 minutes past 5 at night.

Festival days and the weather.		☾ D.	M.	☽ D.	M.	Planets mutual Aspects, &c.
1	All Saints.	10	4	19	58	Sun rises 7. 38
2	All Souls.	11	5	3	19	* ☉ h.
3	Seasonable weather	12	6	16	14	Sun sets 4. 19.
4	now.	23	6	28	48	
5	Powder-Plot.	24	7	11	1	
6	Seasonable weather	25	8	23	1	
7	continues.	26	9	4	50	
8	22 after Trinity.	27	9	16	38	D. Apogzon.
9	High winds at this	28	10	28	25	* ♀ ♀.
10	time, cold storms,	29	11	10	17	☿ ☉ ♀.
11	and wet and unsettled	0	12	22	23	Sun rises 7. 54.
12	weather in this week.	1	13	4	42	Sun sets 4. 5.
13		2	14	17	15	
14		3	15	0	8	
15	23 after Trinity.	4	16	13	15	* h ♀
16	Pretty good weather	5	16	26	37	
17	now, for the time of	6	17	10	VS	9
18	the year, and season-	7	18	13	52	
19	able enough.	8	19	7	41	
20		9	20	11	39	Sun rises 8. 7.
21		10	22	5	40	Sun sets 3. 52.
22	24 after Trinity.	11	23	13	44	D. Perigzon.
23		12	24	3	54	
24	Moderate weather	13	26	18	1	
25	continues: Cold and	14	26	2	20	* h ♀.
26	wet weather about the	15	27	16	30	
27	month's end.	16	28	0	II	34
28	Term ends.	17	29	14	26	Sun rises 8. 14.
29	Advent-Sunday.	18	31	27	59	Sun sets 3. 46.
30	S. Andrew Apost.	19	32	11	16	☿ ☉ ♀.

The	{	11 day at 4 morning <i>Jupiter</i>	}	is with the Moon.
		13 day at midnight <i>Mercury</i>		
		16 day at 1 afternoon <i>Venus</i>		
		17 day at 1 morning <i>Mars</i>		
		18 day at 10 morning <i>Saturn</i>		

*Saturn, Mars and Venus* continue *Occidental* and *Evening Stars* all this Month: *Mercury* becomes *Oriental*, and a *Morning Star*, from the 10th. day to the Month's end; and *Jupiter* is *Oriental*, and a *Morning Star*, all the Month.

THE late Great *Eclipse* of the Moon, in *October* past, may have very Great and Important *Effects*; which will operate and shew themselves in one kind or other, now, and in some succeeding Months in sundry parts of the World. For seeing the *Eclipse* it self lasted four hours, its *Effects* will continue in force four Months, according to the old *Astrological Rule*—In this Month of *November*, there happens a *Sextile Aspect* of the Sun and Saturn, and two *Sextiles* of Saturn and Mercury in *Scorpio* and *Capricorn* (*Mercury* being now direct in motion in *Scorpio*), and a *Conjunction* of the Sun and Mercury in *Scorpio*; and *Mars* comes now into *Capricorn*, and at the end of the Month, He and Venus are in *Conjunction* therein. The Heavenly Bodies now are moderately disposed as unto their mutual *Aspects*, and the *Affairs* and Designs of this Month may be pretty calm and still, whatever may be feared to ensue the easier. And Things may be in some Countries in a better condition and posture, than in some Months past, tho' the late *Eclipse* seem'd to have an unp'asant and unkind signification, as unto some Humane Concerns &c—

Seasonable Weather in this Month. Somewhat wet and cold, now and then—



## 1696 December hath xxxi Days.

Last Quarter, the 6 day, 45 minutes past noon.

New Moon, the 14 day, 7 minutes past 8 morning.

First Quarter, the 21 day, 52 minutes past 3 morning.

Full Moon, the 28 day, 52 minutes past 8 morning.

M.D.	D	Festival days and the weather.	☉		☽		Planets mutual Aspects, &c.
			D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	
1	f	Cold, but pretty good	20	33	24	13	Sun rises 8. 16.
2	B	weather for the time	21	34	6h	45	Sun sets 3. 44.
3	a	of the year: Snowy	22	35	18	59	* ☉ 4.
4	b	weather at hand.	23	37	om	58	
5	c		24	38	12	48	
6	D	Sunday in Advent.	25	39	24	34	D Apogzon.
7	e	Snowy weather now,	26	40	6	22	☐ 4 ♀.
8	f	and cold weather in	27	42	18	16	♂ h ♂.
9	g	this week.	28	43	om	23	
10	a		29	44	12	46	D ♀.
11	b	The shortest Day.	30	45	25	30	Sun rises 8. 19.
12	c		1	47	8	34	☐ 4 ♂.
13	D	Sunday in Advent.	2	48	22	2	Sun sets 3. 41.
14	e	Cold weather now	3	49	5v	49	♂ h ♂.
15	f	also.	4	51	19	48	
16	g	Ember-week.	5	52	3	58	
17	a	Pretty favourable	6	53	18	12	
18	b	weather now, though	7	54	2	24	* ♀ ♀.
19	c	cold, &c. (Fast.	8	56	16	34	
20	D	Sund. in Advent.	9	57	om	36	D Perigzon.
21	e	S. Thomas Apostle.	10	58	14	35	Sun rises 8. 16.
22	f	Moderate weather in	12	0	28	29	Sun sets 3. 44.
23	g	this week.	13	1	12	19	D ♀.
24	a	(Fast.	14	2	26	3	
25	b	Christmas-Day.	15	4	9	41	
26	c	S. Stephen.	16	5	23	10	
27	D	S. John.	17	6	6	27	
28	e	H. Innocent.	18	7	19	30	
29	f	The year will end with	19	9	2	17	
30	g	indifferent favourable	20	10	14	44	Sun rises 8. 10.
31	a	weather.	21	11	26	57	Sun sets 3. 51.

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The	{	8 day at 10 at night <i>Jupiter</i>	}	is with the Moon,
		12 day at midnight <i>Mercury</i>		
		15 day at 11 at night <i>Saturn</i>		
		and also <i>Mars</i>		
		16 day at 1 afternoon <i>Venus</i>		

*Saturn, Mars and Venus* are *Evening Stars*, and *Occidental* all this *Month*; (*Venus* shining gloriously in the *Evenings*) *Jupiter* and *Mercury* are *Oriental* and *Morning Stars*.

**T**His present Year of 1696. draws to an end, and the Year 1697. is now at hand. It may be wished that this very present year of 1696. may end well and comfortably, as unto the *Publick Concerns* of some *European Nations*, who have been for some time past under *Disturbances, Vexations, &c.*— There will appear in this *Month* of *December* a pretty many *Aspects* and *Configurations* of the *Stars*; viz. in the first place a *Sextile* of the *Sun* and *Jupiter* in *Libra* and *Sagittary*; then a *Quintile* of *Jupiter* and *Venus* in *Libra* and *Capricorn*; a *Conjunction* of *Saturn* and *Venus* in *Capricorn*; a *Quartile* of *Jupiter* and *Mars* in *Libra* and *Capricorn*; a *Conjunction* of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *Capricorn*; and a *Sextile* of *Jupiter* and *Mercury* in *Libra* and *Sagittary*; and *Mars*, about the 20th. day passes out of *Capricorn* into *Aquarius*. The most considerable thing at this time, as unto the *Planetary Bodies*, is the said *Conjunction* of *Saturn* and *Mars*, which may have very considerable *Effects*: But seeing they will be manifested in the approaching Year of 1697. I shall omit speaking of them here; and say that if the troublesome doings in *Europe*, so long on foot, be now fully ended, I suppose 'twill be very acceptable unto many people, who delight in *Peace* and *Quietness*: If they be not, may *God* in *Mercy* incline the *Hearts* of all *Christian People* unto *Unity, Peace, and Concord*: And may the *Blessings* of *Almighty God* be amongst us, and all his *Judgments* averted, &c.—

Very cold *Weather* often in this *Month*, if not much *Snow* in *divers Places*, &c.

# The Dominion of the Moon in Man's Body, passing under the Twelve Zodiacal CONSTELLATIONS.

♈ <i>Aries</i> , head and face.	♎ <i>Libra</i> , reins and loins.
♉ <i>Taurus</i> , neck and throat.	♏ <i>Scorpio</i> , secret members.
♊ <i>Gemini</i> , arms & shoulders.	♐ <i>Sagittary</i> , thighs & hips.
♋ <i>Cancer</i> , breast & stomach.	♑ <i>Capricorn</i> , the knees.
♌ <i>Leo</i> , heart and back.	♒ <i>Aquarius</i> , the legs.
♍ <i>Virgo</i> , bowels and belly.	♓ <i>Pisces</i> , the feet.

## The Names and Characters of the Seven Planets, with the Dragon's Head and Tail.

♄ Saturn.	} ☉ Sol, or the Sun.	♀ Venus.
♃ Jupiter.		☿ Mercury.
♂ Mars.		☾ The Moon.
♈ Dragon's Head.		
♏ Dragon's Tail.		

## A Table of the Aspects, both Old and New, according to EICHSTADIUS.

The Names of the Aspects.	Differences in Signs. Deg.	The Phasis, or Shapes of the Moon's Light.
Conjunction	00 00	<i>Novilunium</i> , the New Moon.
Semisextile	01 00	
Sextile	02 00	<i>Corniculata</i> , the horned Moon
Quintile	02 12	(light)
Quartile	03 00	<i>Semiplena</i> , Moon half full of
Tridecile	03 18	(light)
Trine	04 00	<i>Gibbosa</i> , Moon three parts
Biquintile	04 24	
Opposition	06 00	<i>Plenilunium</i> , the Full Moon.

# Astral Observations, &c.

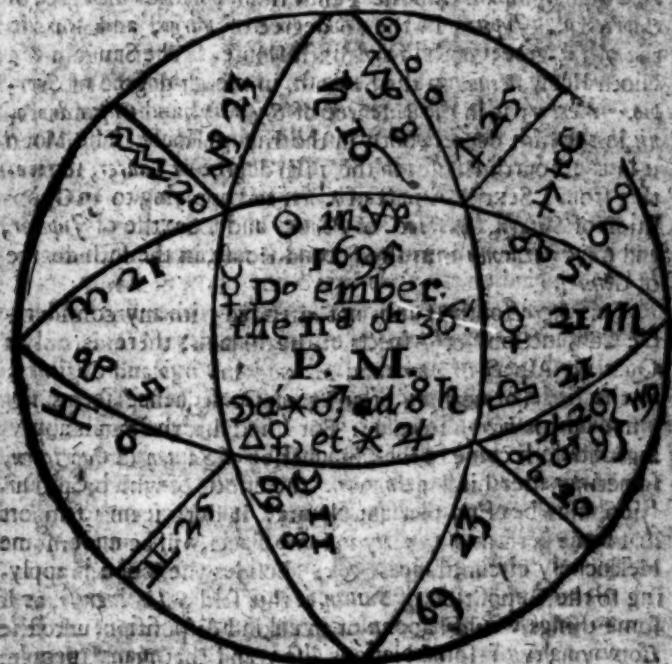
For the Year 1696.

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The Lord is the true God, He is the living God, and an everlasting King. He hath made the Earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the Heavens by his discretion, Jer. 10. 10, 12.

He telleth the number of the Stars, and calleth them all by their Names. Psal. 147. 4.

O Lord how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all, Psal. 104. 24.



Although there were great and total Eclipses of the Moon, in the Year 1696. visible in our Hemisphere, which are herein to be taken notice of: yet, seeing that

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the one happens about the middle of the *Spring Quarter* of this Year, and the other about the middle of the *Autumnal Quarter*: I shall refer the treating of them, until I do come to speak of those Quarters, and shall begin this my present *Astronomical* discourse, (God assisting) with the position of *Heaven*, at the Ingress of the Sun into *Capricorn* in December 1695; and then proceed to the other *Solar Ingresses*, the *Eclipses*, and other *Celestial* matters to be in this Year considered, as they happen in order therein.

Upon Wednesday December the 11. 1695, about 16 minutes past Noon the Sun comes into *Capricorn*, at which time the *Heaven* are posited as in the foregoing Scheme, viz. the 11 degree of *Aries* is ascending in our *Horizon*, and 8 degrees of *Capricorn* is on the *Cusps* of the *Medium Caeli*, both moveable Signs. *Saturn* is in the Tenth House, in the 16 degree of *Capricorn*. *Jupiter* in the 26 degree of *Virgo*, and *Mars* in the 9th degree; both in the Sixth House. The Sun is in the Ninth House, *Venus* in the Seventh, in the 21 degree of *Scorpio*. *Mercury* is in the 8 degree of *Sagittary*, and *Cauda draconis* in the fifth degree, both in the Eighth House. The Moon is in the Fourth House, in the 11th degree of *Cancer*, separating from a Sextile Aspect of *Mars*, and applying to an Opposition of *Saturn*, a Trine of *Venus*, and a Sextile of *Jupiter*; and *Cauda draconis* is in the Second House, in the fifth degree of *Gemini*.

This Ingress of the Sun is not attended with any considerable Conjunctions or Aspects of the Planets; there is only a Quintile Aspect of *Mars* and *Mercury* in *Virgo* and *Sagittary*; in that itself, or nothing of any great Consequence seems signified at this Ingress to ensue: But I find that the Sun is applying, and doth come to the Conjunction of *Saturn* in *Capricorn*, sometime after his said Ingress: The effects of which Conjunction, may be of no pleasant Nature: It doth seem to import that some persons of Quality in some places, will be under some Melancholy circumstances, &c. Besides the Moon is applying to the Opposition of *Saturn* at this said *Solar Ingress*, as if some things would happen of an unkind disposition; unto the Commonalty of some Nations also; and that many people, will be laboring under many vexations, losses and discontents, which seems the more confirmed by the Position of *Cauda draconis*



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*Draconis* in *Gemini* in the Second House: for thereby seem portended loss and damage unto some people in their Estates, Poverty, great decay of Trade, heavy burthens, &c. in some places of the World under *Gemini*, the aforesaid Constellation.

Just at the very beginning of this year *Jupiter* and *Mars*, two of the Superiour Planets become Retrograde in *Virgo*, as if there would be some unexpected difficulties and inconveniences in some National Transactions; and that the publick Affairs of some European Countries, unto which those two Planets, and the Sign *Virgo* have relation, would be under some interruptions, and in a Retrograde condition, in the Months of *January* and *February* this present Year. Indeed, for the most part of the Month of *January* the Stars go on in a pretty moderate posture, and are not concerned in any very violent Aspects; but in *February* there will be some rough and hasty Configurations in *Virgo* and *Pisces*, which seem to denote various doings both at Sea and Land in some parts of *Europe* under the said Constellations, &c. and that some sudden Casualties, and disasters will happen unto some Ships upon some Seas, and also some rash and Martial undertakings in some Countries where Armies are continued.

However I observe that in the Month of *August* last past, in 1695. the two superiour Planets *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, came to a Trine Aspect in *Virgo* and *Capricorn*, (*Saturn* being then Retrograde) and now in this Quarter, viz. at the latter end of the aforesaid Month of *February* in this Year 1696. they come again to the same Aspect, *Jupiter* being Retrograde.) It is an Aspect (notwithstanding the said Retrogradations) of an amicable and calm disposition, and ought to be taken notice of, in regard it may import, that (whatever may be feared, or thought to the contrary) some Nations, and people, may be inclined unto peace and concord, and may use all possible means to obtain it; and if those endeavours, which (towards the latter end of Winter quarter, or beginning of the Spring this year) may be on foot, for the promoting of the same do take effect, it may be very acceptable to those, that shall be concerned thereby.

I do proceed and say, That in the aforesaid Months of *January* and *February* of this said present year, it is probable that there

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there may happen death or misfortune unto some one or other of the Grandees of this world, and also Agues, Consumptions, the Small Pox, if not some violent pestilential distempers amongst some people, to their great affliction; and if the Plague it self appear not then, in some places 'twill be well. Besides, there will be very cold weather, in or about the beginning of *January*, (if not much Snow) and very unconstant weather afterwards, viz. in *January*, and *February*: and I do believe, that wet weather will often happen in the said Month of *February*, and Claps of Thunder in some places also. And so I come now to speak of the Spring-quarter of this present year 1695, which begins when the Sun comes in to *Aries*, and continues till he arrives at *Cancer*.



**T**He Sun comes into *Aries* on Monday the ninth day of *March*, this present year, about 19 Minutes past Noon; at which time the Sign *Leo*, doth just begin to attend our Horizon, and five degrees of *Aries* is upon the Cusp of the *Meridian*.

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*diem Caeli*: *Saturn* being in the 24 degree of *Capricorn*, in the fifth House: *Jupiter* in the 21 degree of *Virgo*, Retrograde in the third House. *Mars* in the 23 degree of *Leo* in the second House, Retrograde: the Sun is just passing from the *Medium Caeli*, and *Mercury* is therein in the eighth degree of *Aries*, Retrograde. *Venus* is in the eighth House, in the 18 degree of *Aquarius*, the Moon is in the fourth House in the seventh degree of *Libra* in Opposition to *Mars*: *Caput draconis* is in the fifth House, just a going out of *Sagittari*, and *Cauda draconis* is in the eleventh House, just a going from *Gemini*.

What is most observable at this vernal Ingress, is, That three of the Planets are Retrograde, viz. *Jupiter*, *Mars*, and *Mercury*. *Mars* being besides not well disposed, as being in *Leo*, a hot and Choleric Constellation, and in Conjunction with *Cor Leonis*, an eminent fixed star, and of somewhat a furious and violent nature; as if something of a Martial and angry disposition were designed by him, to appear in some European Countries (concerned by that sign) in the Spring-time of this year, and that some warlike and iniquitous proceedings, would happen in some places to the detriment of some people, and troubles occasioned by war and its abundances: But there is an Opposition of *Mars*, and *Venus* in *Leo*, and *Aquarius* too, which seems to have no very good signification: Indeed there happens no other Aspect besides, but only an Opposition of the Moon, and *Mercury* in *Aries* and *Libra*, and I find the Sun and *Mercury* going to a Conjunction in *Aries*.

True it is, the two aforesaid Oppositions have troublesome and uneasy significations, and do seem to import many Turnings and Windings to happen in the publick Negotiations of some people under *Aries*, *Libra*, *Leo* and *Aquarius*, in this Spring-quarter of this Year 1696, and that some Countries will be under some dubious and unpleasant contentments, and controversies and debates may happen; and there is like to be many various Reports and Rumours abroad, about some National Transactions; and strange doings and designs may be on foot in some Regions: besides some Merchants, and Tradesmen may receive loss and detriment; and there may be plundering also, and besieging of Towns, and places where Soldiers are employed, in the said Spring-time

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and Months of *March, April and May*; and also a sickly time may be threatening: violent Fevers and hot distempers, (if the Plague appear not) may oppress and afflict some people, in some of the aforesaid Months; also sudden fires, unruly actions, and sundry enormities, may disturb, and put out of order the Inhabitants of some Countries or Cities in *Europe*, unto which the said Cœlestial Signs have relation, wherein the aforesaid Oppositions happen: and God grant that the *Turks* may not be too active against the *Christians*—— Indeed the Planets are in a pretty moderate condition in *March*, and in *April* too; but in *May* they are very busie, and their Effects seem then somewhat considerable, both as to the Weather and Mundane Transactions: and there will be then a very great and total visible Eclipse of the *Moon* in our *Horizon*, which I now come to give you an account of and its effects, and also how the Stars are then disposed, being the next thing in order to be herein Considered.



**O**N Wednesday the sixth of May aforesaid, this year about 48 Minutes past 11 of the Clock at Night, the Moon will be totally Eclipsed, and her body will be darkned to the quantity of almost 22 digits, at the time of her greatest Obscuration or middle time of the Eclipse. It happens in the 27th degree of *Scorpio*; and the Eclipsed Moon is then with *Caput draconis* in the tenth House of Heaven; the 2nd degree of the said Sign being on the Culps thereof; and 10 degrees of *Capricorn* ascends in our Horizon. *Saturn* being in the 27th degree thereof in the Ascendant, Retrograde; *Jupiter* is in the 27th degree of *Virgo* in the eighth House; and *Mars* in the second degree in the seventh House. The Sun is with *Cauda draconis* in the fourth House in the 27th degree of *Taurus*, and *Mercury* is in the 11th degree in the third House. *Venus* is in 28th degree of *Aries* in the second House. The Moon is void of Course, but the other Planets are some days after the Eclipse, taken up with variety of Aspects. The Eclipse is in the Watery Trigon, and *Mars* rules the Sign wherein it happens. It is in the very highest part of Heaven, and as Astrologers say, in the House of Honour and Dignity. A more particular account of the Eclipse it self with the Type thereof, you may see in my Observations on the said Month of May, unto which I refer you: and do say, That seeing 'tis a Total Eclipse, with continuance or stay in darkness; it is very probable it may have very considerable Effects.

For you are to know, that we do usually reckon three sorts of Lunar Eclipses, The first partial, that is when the Moons body is not all darkned, but some part thereof. The second, when her whole body is exactly darkned, and this is called a Total Eclipse, but without continuance. The third, when the Moon happens into the shadow of the Earth more than 12 digits (as now in this present Eclipse) and this is called a Total Eclipse, with continuance or stay in darkness: all the difference whereof ariseth principally from the Latitude of the Moon, and her distance from the *Ecliptique Line*. And you are to understand further, that the Moon having no light but what she receives from the Sun, can never be Eclipsed but at the Full, yet not at every Full, but when she is diametrically Opposite to the Sun, and the Earth in the midst between them both: So that the Philosopher, hath rightly desired



the Eclipse of the Moon to be, *privatio Luminis in Luna, orta a Diametrali Terra inter Solem & Lunam Oppositione.*—

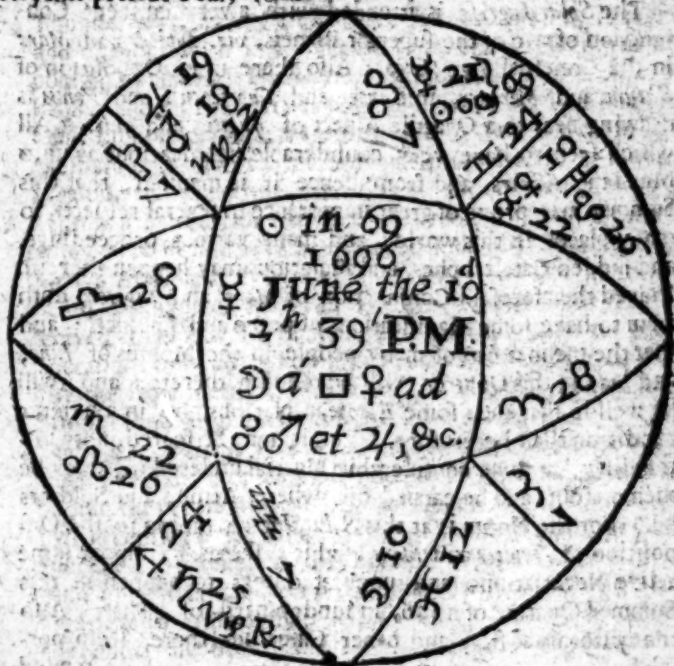
It has been found by experience, in all Ages, that Eclipses have their Influences and Operations, and have always been attended with some notable Events and Sequels; though some have the contrary: and many Learned Men have writ concerning them. And the greater the Eclipse is, the greater will be its effects. Hear what some of them say, though in another Language: *Jordanus* fol. 305. *de Eclipsibus* tells us, That an Eclipse of either of the *Luminaries* happening in the *Waters Tizon* (as this doth) is: Omen the death of the Common people, daily motions of Wars, and also great destruction of Howls and Fishes, and such Creatures as live in or near the Sea. And *Messahalah* saith it prelates abundance of rain, and much hurt thereby. And *Proclus* tells us, that when an Eclipse of the Moon shall happen, as this doth in the 3d face, or decanate of *Scorpio*, it portendeth sharp Sickneses, many Seditions, Quarrels, and Slaughters, Overflowing of the Sea banks, &c.

The Planet *Mars* has much to do in this Eclipse, and his Effects may be much of his Nature, he having dominion in the sign whereto it happens. He is of a Cholerick and Martial disposition, and Astrologers say, That when he hath dominion in an Eclipse, it imports wars and contention, quarrels, fightings, and skirmishes, cholerick and angry doings amongst men: Robberies, spoilings, plunderings, and troublesome, and unquiet Transactions: Sickneses, sudden death to many people; destruction to ships at Sea: And being in the seventh House at the time of the said Eclipse, his significations to what is herein mentioned, may be the more efficacious, and the more so be disliked also— Moreover the Planet *Saturn* at this Eclipse, is in the Ascendent Retrograde, which seems to be no ways propitious unto humane concerns; but doth seem rather to import, many melancholy and uneasie matters to happen in many places of the world, during the continuance of its effects, and many noxious diseases, an infirmities, want, scarcity, fears and sadness may appear among some people; and also death unto many, which God in his mercy prevent. And also it seems to me, that much bad weather will happen too, in divers places, if not some sudden floods, occasioned by hasty storms of hail and rain, to the detriment

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triment of some people, &c. The effects of this Eclipse will be almost four Months in force, but it is probable that they will most appear in *May* and *June* this present year, tho' some of them may happen in *July* and *August* too. But I do here wholly assent, unto the Learned *Origenius*, part 3. - *de Effectibus*, cap. 2. as unto the beginning of the Operation of its Effects—

Those Countries and places in the world that are under the sign *Scorpio*, will be most concerned in the Effects of this Eclipse; and they are some of the *Turky* dominions, as well as others nearer hand. And also, those that are under the Sign *Taurus*, the opposite Sign to *Scorpio* will be also concerned in one kind or other, as *Ireland*, *Poland*, *Lorain*, *Russia*, and many forraign places, &c. And seeing the greatest Obscuration of the Moon is in the Tenth house of Heaven, some persons of Honour and of great Account in this world, seem limited by this Eclipse, as well as those of the meaner sort of people—And so I come now to the *Suns Ingress* unto *Cancer*, this present Year, 1696.



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**U**Pon Wednesday the 10th day of June, about 39 Minutes past two of the Clock in the Afternoon, the Sun arrives at *Cancer*, and our Summer Quarter (Astronomically) begins, and continues until he makes his entrance into *Libra*. At this Solstitial Congress, the 23rd degree of *Libra*, is on the Cusp of the Ascendant; and seven degrees of *Leo*, on the Cusp of the *Midiani Galle*. *Saturn* is in the third House of Heaven, in the 25th degree of *Capricorn*, Retrograde. *Jupiter* in the 15th degree, and *Mars* in the 18th degree of *Virgo*, in Conjunction in the 11th House. — The Sun and *Mercury* are in the 5th House, *Mercury* being in the 21st degree of *Cancer*. *Venus* is in the 10th degree of *Gemini*, in the 8th House. The Moon is in the 5th House in ten degrees of *Pisces*, in Square of *Venus*, and applying to an Opposition of *Mars* and *Jupiter*. *Caput draconis* is in the 26th degree of *Scorpio* in the second House, and *Cauda draconis* is in the eighth House, in the 26th degree of *Taurus*.

The Solar Ingress is attended with a very eminent Conjunction of two of the superior Planets, viz. *Jupiter* and *Mars* in the Ecclesiastical Sign *Virgo*. Also there is an Opposition of *Saturn* and *Mercury*, in *Cancer* and *Capricorn*; and *Venus* is drawing near to a Quintile Aspect of *Jupiter* and *Mars*. All which seem to have very considerable significations as unto Mundane Affairs, and from hence it is manifest, that this Summer may prove of great importance in several respects, to many places in this world; and many various proceedings, and sudden Calamities, and Mutations may happen therein. Indeed the aforesaid Conjunction of *Mars* and *Jupiter*, doth seem to have some signification of peace and quietness; and that the inclinations of many people, in the Months of *June*, and *July* in this Quarter, will be tending thereto: and it will be well if that then some European Nations, be in a quieter condition than heretofore. Yet it may be feared, notwithstanding that some considerable Martial undertakings may be then on foot, and be carried on, where Armies and Soldiers be. For the Moon is at this Solar Ingress, going to the Opposition of *Jupiter* and *Mars*; which seems to import some active Negotiations, and unquiet doings to happen in this Summer Quarter of 1696, in sundry parts of *Europe*. Also many storms at Sea, and other Calamities there, seem portended.

tended by the aforesaid Opposition of *Saturn* and *Mercury*, to happen to the prejudice of some people, that are concerned in Sea Affairs. There seems also, further signified by the Configurations of the Stars in *June* and *July* aforesaid, that there will then happen some unseasonable Blasts and Mildews in some places, somewhat hurtful to Corn and Hops. And it may be feared also, that there may happen in those Months in some places, some extraordinary storms of Hail and Rain, with very terrible Claps of Thunder and Lightning, which may prove detrimental to some people. Indeed, Thunder and Lightnings (though very terrible in themselves) are seldom taken notice of, though much harm sometimes (and very often) is done by them; as it has been sufficiently known in some late years, both at Sea and Land, because they are thought to proceed always (only) from natural causes. However they may sometimes proceed from supernatural causes and the Almighty God, may in an extraordinary manner send, Thunder, &c. amongst us, to let us know that he is angry, and offended with us, and that some of his judgments are coming upon us. The learned Author of *Cometomania*, in his 83, and 84 page writes judiciously thus—'The Thunder and Lightning which were procured by *Samuel* were in harvest-time, 1 Sam. 12. 15. which is supposed to be a warm season, and therefore according to the Natural Course of things a fit time for that sort of Meteors; yet we know that they were designed to be marks of Gods displeasure and anger: And the Holy Scripture informs us how at other times, God hath created Awe and Terror by them. The Jews received their Law in Thunder and Lightning, and on other occasions were affrighted into a remembrance of their duty by the same means. The voice of Thunder rouses some stupid souls into a serious belief of a divine power. *Sælo Tonantem credimus Jovem. Horat.* Nothing in nature leaves such impressions of fears as loud and repeated Thunder claps. Some Emperors who were in a manner Atheists, and notwithstanding that (which is strange) made themselves Gods, yet used to tremble at this horrible Allarum from Heaven, and to confess a greater power than themselves, which is as much as to disown their self-divinity. This made *Caligula* get under his Bed. And *Tiberius*, another of *Jupiters* brothers





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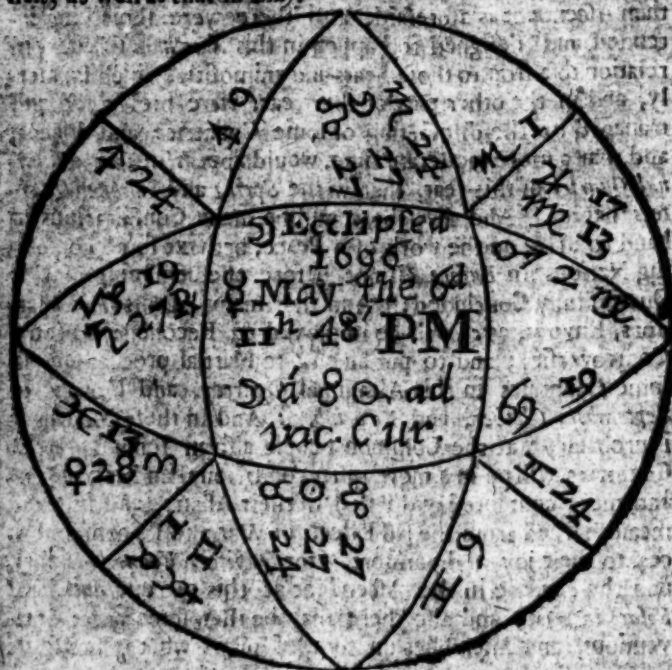
*Sun* arrives at *Libra*; and the *Autumnal Quarter* doth *Astro-*  
nomically begin, at which time, almost four degrees of *Libra*  
Ascend here in our Horizon, and the fifth degree of *Cancer*  
is upon the Cusp of the *Medium-Celi*. *Saturn* is in the 19th  
degree of *Capricorn* in the fourth house, Stationary unto direc-  
tion. The *Sun* is in the Ascendent, and so is *Jupiter*, *Venus*,  
and *Mercury* too, all in Conjunction therein, or about the sixth  
and seventh degrees of *Libra*. *Mars* is in the 15th degree of  
*Scorpio*, and *Caput draconis* in the 21 degree, both in the third  
House. The *Moon* is in the 11th House, in the 15th degree  
of *Leo*, in a *Quartile Aspect* of *Mars*; and *Cauda draconis* is in  
the ninth House, in the 21 degree of *Taurus*.

There are sundry Meetings and Conjunctions of the Hea-  
venly Bodies, attending this *Ingress* of the *Sun* into *Libra*, of  
very benevolent Consequences, viz. a Conjunction of *Venus*  
and *Mercury*, *Jupiter* and *Mercury*, *Jupiter* and *Venus*, and also  
the *Sun* and *Jupiter* too in *Libra* an *Equinoctial Sign*, and the  
then Ascendent as aforesaid, as if there were something ir-  
rended and designed to happen in this *Autumnal Quarter*, in  
relation to a stop to those heats and animosities which former-  
ly, and in the other part of this year, were presented and  
managed to the disquieting of some Countries and Places;  
and that a more moderate time, would appear in the *Autum-*  
*nal Quarter* of this year, than in the *Spring* and *Summer Quar-*  
*ters* thereof. And that there will be many Consultations in  
hand to drive on the work of a Peace, betwixt some contes-  
ting Nations in *Europe* (if not before the beginning of this  
Quarter fully Concluded;) And that many Agents, Ambassa-  
dors, Envoys, &c. will be employed to Reconcile National  
Controversies; and to put an end to Martial proceedings in  
some Countries in this *Autumnal Quarter*, and Months of  
*September*, *October*, and *November*: And in these Months it  
is probable, that the Common people also in some *European*  
Countries, will be in a more quiet condition than heretofore;  
and more contented and settled in their Affairs, and in some  
measure freed from the sad Effects of War and its consequen-  
ces, to their joy and comfort, (for *Jupiter*, *Venus*, *Mercury*,  
and the *Sun*, are in the Ascendent at this present *Autumnal*  
*Solar Ingress*;) and also there may be then some great Con-  
ventions, and Assemblies on foot, of many worthy persons,  
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for the carrying on, and establishing many things of Importance, for the good of those Nations and People, that shall be then concerned by them.

As unto the Weather in this said Autumnal Quarter, much wet weather may be expected in September, with great and boisterous winds, and very high winds, will happen now and then also in the two other Months, viz. October and November: And perhaps some fiery Comets, or some Comet, or some unusual sights in the Air may then happen also. And so I come now to the great and eminent Eclipse of the Moon which will happen in this quarter, and Month of October this year; being the last thing, as in relation to the Celestial Bodies, which in this year is to be considered, for seeing that even this Eclipse will be full as great, as that which doth happen in May, before herein spoken of; the rather because it seems to have very considerable Effects also; and twill be a total Eclipse, with continuance and stay in darkness, as well as that in May.



This Eclipse of the Moon will be on Friday the 30th day of *October* aforesaid, about half an hour past four of the Clock in the Morning, (and visible in our Horizon) will begin sooner in the Morning, but that will be the time of the middle thereof, and of the Moons greatest obscuration; a more particular and full account whereof, with its Type, you have in my Observations upon the said Month of *October*, unto which I refer you—

At the middle time of this Eclipse, and greatest obscuration of the Moon as aforesaid, 16 degrees of *Libra* ascend here in our Horizon, and *Jupiter* is therein; and the 22 degree of *Cancer* is on the Gops of the *Medium Celi*. *Saturn* is in the fourth House in the 21 degree of *Capricorn*. *Mars* in the 20 degree of *Sagittary* in the third House, and *Venus* and *Mercury*, are there also in or about the fifth and sixth degree, *Mercury* being just a turning Retrograde. The Sun is in the second House with *Caput draconis* in very near the 18 degree of *Scorpius*, and the Eclipsed Moon is with *Cauda draconis*, in the 6th House of Heaven, and applies after the Eclipse to a *Trine Aspect* of *Saturn*, the being at the time of the Eclipse, almost in the 18th degree of *Taurus*.

This Eclipse is attended only with a Conjunction of *Venus* and *Mercury* in *Sagittary*. It happens in the eighth House of Heaven as aforesaid, which is called by Astrologers *Spina mortis*, and as they say, is of it self of a melancholy and destructive signification; and the Moon being also afflicted by *Cauda draconis* therein; the Effects of this Eclipse seem the more to be disliked—'Tis in the second decanate of *Taurus*, *Proclus* saith, when there shall happen an Eclipse of the Moon in that decanate, it signifies scarcity of fruits of the Earth; and barrenness of that which is sown; and being in the Earthly triplicity, *Junstinus* saith the same concerning it. However *Venus* rules the Sign wherein this Eclipse happens, and *Jupiter* is in the Ascendant at the time thereof, and there are no violent Aspects of the Stars attending it: Therefore it may be hoped, notwithstanding that the Effects thereof may be pretty moderate; only it may be feared, it may signify some great Mortality, unto the greater sort of Cattle in some places, if not unto Mankind also: and that some cunning designs or close and mischievous contrivances, may be carried on in some

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Some parts of the world concerned thereby. The Effects of this Eclipse, will operate much in Ireland, Poland, Russia, Lorraine, &c. — and will continue in force four Months from the time thereof: So that they will not be wholly expired, until the latter end of February in the next year, 1697. Therefore I may have occasion to speak more of them in my next year's Almanack (if I shall live to write again) and in that regard, I shall proceed no further upon this Eclipse's Effects at present —

Having met with a Relation in the *Monthly Mercury*, for the Month of August 1694. done at the Hague in Holland, (very wonderful if it be true) of what happened near Cahors in France, on the 22th of June 1694. being the very day when the Sun was Eclipsed, (and so it seemed the more taken notice of by some,) I will therefore here give you the said Relation *verbatim*, as I find it inserted in the said *Mercury*. — They write such a wonderful thing of a Tempest, that happened near Cahors in France, that 'tis a difficult matter to believe what the Letters assure us to be true.

Upon the 22 day of June 1694. N. S. the day that the Sun suffered an Eclipse, there arose so great a storm near Cahors, and such a terrible Tempest of Thunder and Lightning, Rain and Hail, that 7 or 8 Villages were burnt by the Fire that darted from the Skies; above 1200 persons were destroyed, and all the Cattle underwent the same fate. The River Loire swelled to that degree, that it overflowed all the Country, and when it returned to its Channell, left such an infinite number of Fish altogether unknown upon the Land, that their stench infected the Air. Every body thought that the World had been at an end. The Hail ravaged 48 Parishes in Armagnac, on that side next Bigorre, and the Mountains. The Person that writes this Letter seems to attribute the cause of all these disorders to the Eclipse of the Sun. —

Notwithstanding what this Person writes, It is clearly my Opinion, that the disorders (if they be true) as he calls them, can no ways be attributed to the said Eclipse of the Sun; but were assuredly caused, either by the immediate hand of Almighty God; or, by some of the Inhabitants of the Invisible World, by His Order and Appointment.

*William Penn.*

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